

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended in the same manner as in the parent application and to identify the parent application.

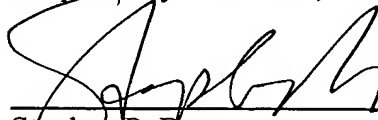
During prosecution of the parent application, the Examiner requested that applicants limit the claims to biochips containing spots of DNA. The Examiner asserted that the application was not enabling for capture materials other than DNA. Applicants accepted the Examiner's proposal, but respectfully disagree with her non-enablement position. This continuation application is being filed to address this issue at a later date.

Filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement listing all references cited during prosecution of the parent application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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